

Johnson City, Kansas

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Johnson City is located in southwest Kansas in Stanton County. Hispanic immigration has been predicated upon the availability of work in three dairies, six cattle feedlots and seven hog farms operated by Seaboard Farms.

The immigration has created a need for more services to assist the new Hispanic population of both adults and school age children. This need has required more services for the influx of non-English speaking students. The Migrant, ESL and Title I Programs have been pressed to meet the needs of these students. The outlook for Stanton County is for more immigration as the economy expands over the next ten years.

Currently the facilities and classroom space are adequate, however they are ageing. The middle school building was built in the early 30's and the elementary school in the early 60's. Both are in need of renovation. The high school, built in the late 70s, is a very modern and functional building. The middle and elementary schools will need to be addressed in the near future.

Migrant Program Services

The district is committed to implementing the "All Will Learn" policy which is consistent with No Child Left Behind. Through the Migrant Program the following services are provided to support migrant students and their families.

- ESL teams at all three buildings
- Paraprofessionals to assist teacher in the classroom
- Three recruiters to recruit and assist families with their needs
- HALO program at the high school, which helps educate migrant students of the importance of helping others, understanding their culture, and gives them exposure to the different universities and colleges throughout Kansas
- Summer School that helps give the migrant student an extra boost with their language problems
- At Risk 4 year old program that gives the students an early start in mastering the educational concept of all day school and giving them a jump start in the literacy field
- Assist with purchasing of supplies and material which are researched based and proven to help the migrant and ESL students